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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

***"AN ACT CONCERNING ADVERTISING BY OCCUPATIONAL  
LICENSE HOLDERS."***

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1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 25-129 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5 (*Effective January 1, 2009*):

6 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with the advice and  
7 assistance of the board, shall establish the requirements of registration  
8 for well drilling contractors. Each person, before engaging in the  
9 business of well drilling or pump installing, shall obtain [annually]  
10 biennially from the Department of Consumer Protection a certificate of  
11 registration as a well drilling contractor, using an application [blank]  
12 form prepared by said department. Each application for issuance or

13 renewal of a certificate of registration shall be accompanied by a  
14 certificate of liability coverage for bodily injury of at least one hundred  
15 thousand dollars per person with an aggregate of at least three  
16 hundred thousand dollars and for property damage of at least fifty  
17 thousand dollars per accident with an aggregate of at least one  
18 hundred thousand dollars. Each application shall be accompanied by a  
19 [The applicant shall pay a registration] fee of [forty-four dollars with  
20 the application] eighty-eight dollars and [an annual] each biennial  
21 renewal shall be accompanied by a [registration] fee of [one hundred  
22 twenty-five dollars for renewals on and after April 1, 1984] two  
23 hundred fifty dollars. A certificate of registration is not transferable  
24 and expires [annually] biennially. [A lost, destroyed or mutilated  
25 registration certificate may be replaced by a duplicate upon payment  
26 of a lost fee of three dollars. One seal shall be issued to each registrant  
27 as provided in subsection (b) of this section. Additional seals may be  
28 obtained at a fee of three dollars each.]

29 (b) For each well drilling machine owned, leased or operated by a  
30 [A] well drilling contractor, such contractor shall place in a  
31 conspicuous location on both sides of his or her well drilling machine  
32 [his] the contractor's registration number in letters not less than two  
33 inches high. [A seal furnished by said department designating the year  
34 the certificate of registration was issued or renewed and the words  
35 "Connecticut registered well drilling contractor" shall be affixed  
36 directly adjacent to the registration number.]

37 (c) A governmental unit engaged in water-supply well drilling shall  
38 be registered under this chapter, but shall be exempt from paying the  
39 registration fees. A governmental unit engaged in non-water-supply  
40 well drilling shall be exempt from the requirements for registration  
41 under this chapter if the drilling is done by regular employees of, and  
42 with equipment owned by, the unit and the work is on non-water-  
43 supply wells intended for use by the governmental unit.

44 (d) This chapter shall not restrict a plumber or electrician from  
45 engaging in the trade for which he has been licensed.

46 (e) (1) A certificate of registration may be refused, or a certificate of  
47 registration duly issued may be suspended or revoked, or the renewal  
48 thereof refused by the board if said board has good and sufficient  
49 reason to believe or finds that the applicant for or the holder of such a  
50 certificate has: (A) Made a material misstatement in the application for  
51 a registration of any application for renewal thereof; or (B) obtained  
52 the registration through wilful fraud or misrepresentation; or (C)  
53 demonstrated gross incompetency to act as a well driller; or (D) been  
54 guilty of failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter or the  
55 State Well Drilling Code, as from time to time amended; or (E) refused  
56 to file reports of wells drilled as required by subsection (a) of section  
57 25-131; or (F) been found guilty by the board, the Commissioner of  
58 Public Health or by a court of competent jurisdiction, of any fraud,  
59 deceit, gross negligence, incompetency or misconduct in the industry,  
60 operations or business of well drilling.

61 (2) Before any certificate of registration shall be refused, suspended  
62 or revoked, or the renewal thereof refused, the board shall give notice  
63 of the intended action and afford opportunity for hearing in  
64 accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

65 (3) Appeal from the decisions of the board may be taken in  
66 accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

67 (4) After one year from the date of refusal or revocation of a  
68 registration, application to register may be made again by the person  
69 affected.

70 (f) The department shall prepare a roster of all registered well  
71 drillers and distribute it annually to the local director of health or his  
72 agent and the building inspector, if there is one, of each town.

73 (g) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with the advice and  
74 assistance of the board, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
75 provisions of chapter 54, to establish certificates of registration for  
76 limited contractor and limited journeyman well casing extension.  
77 Such certificates of registration shall permit persons licensed to

78 perform plumbing and piping work pursuant to chapter 393 to  
79 perform well casing extension, repair and maintenance work. Upon  
80 initial application, an applicant shall demonstrate knowledge of well  
81 casing extension, repair and maintenance work by passing an  
82 examination subject to the provisions of section 20-333. The applicant  
83 shall pay a registration fee of twenty-five dollars upon initial  
84 application and an annual renewal registration fee of twenty-five  
85 dollars. A certificate of registration under this subsection is  
86 nontransferable and expires annually.

87 Sec. 502. Section 25-130 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
88 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2009*):

89 Before commencing work on any water-supply well, the registered  
90 well driller shall apply to the [board] department for a permit to drill  
91 such well. [A fee of five dollars shall accompany such application.] The  
92 department may impose a fee of five dollars for each such permit  
93 application and may issue such permit in an electronic format. If the  
94 water-supply well conforms to the Well Drilling Code, as from time to  
95 time amended, the [board] department shall issue such permit which  
96 shall contain the name and address of the well driller, the date of  
97 issuance and the specific location of the well. The driller shall then  
98 submit the permit with a fee to be determined by the legislative body  
99 of a town, city or borough or the board of a district department of  
100 health, as the case may be, to the local director of health or [his] such  
101 director's agent who shall sign such permit if said proposed water-  
102 supply well conforms to the Public Health Code. No water-supply well  
103 shall be drilled until such a permit is issued and countersigned and  
104 until the driller has informed [his] such driller's client, in writing, that  
105 well drilling is subject to regulation by the Department of Consumer  
106 Protection and that complaints may be directed to that department."